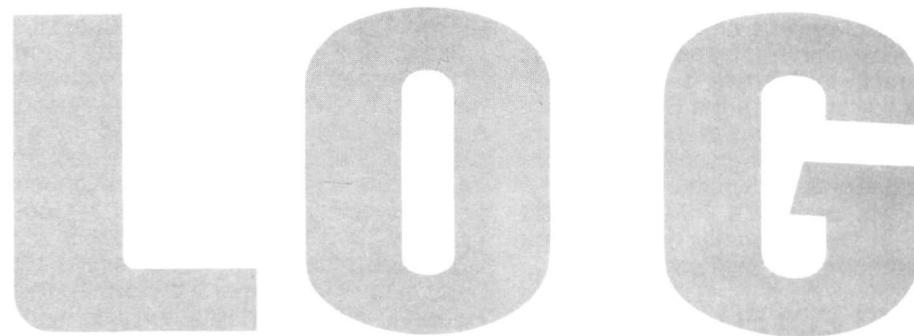


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## LARRY SWITZER JOINS SPRAGUE



Larry K. Switzer has joined the Sprague Electric Company in the new post of Senior Vice-President, Finance and Administration, it was announced by Dr. John L. Sprague, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sprague. Mr. Switzer comes to Sprague Electric from the Bendix Corporation, where he was Vice-President, Finance and Group Executive of the Bendix Industrial Group with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Sprague said that Mr. Switzer will be a key member of the Company's senior management team, recently structured to reflect the Company's increasing stature as a worldwide leader in the manufacture of all types of electronic components, including semiconductors.

Mr. Switzer's responsibilities will span the broad spectrum of Sprague Electric's financial and legal affairs, including the supervision and coordination of financial planning, analysis, controls, forecasting, and budgeting.

Mr. Switzer began his career in financial management in 1967, when he joined Fisher Controls Company, Marshalltown, Iowa as Assistant Corporate Controller. He later held financial supervisory and senior management positions with R. G. Dickinson & Company, the General Tire and Rubber Company, and White Motor Corporation.

He joined Bendix in 1980 as Assistant Corporate Controller and became Vice-President of the Company's Industrial Group in November, 1981.

Mr. Switzer received the degree of bachelor of science in chemical engineering from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, in 1965 and was awarded the degree of master of business administration from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1967.

## DARCY NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT



On September 17, 1984, John F. (Jack) Darcy joined the Sprague Electric Company as Senior Vice-President, Worldwide Marketing and Sales. In this position, Mr. Darcy will have full responsibility for the worldwide sales and corporate marketing efforts of this unit of The Penn Central Corporation and will be located at the Company's new world headquarters on the Route 128 circle around Boston.

Mr. Darcy, who has recently been a consultant to major electronics firms, had previously been President of Integrated Electronics Corporation, a Los Angeles, California electronics distributor, from January, 1983 to May of this year. Prior to his service with IEC, he had been Senior Vice-President of Ducommun, Inc., a Los Angeles-headquartered mini-conglomerate, from April, 1981 to January, 1983. He joined Ducommun originally as President and Chief Executive Officer of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Kierluff Electronics, and headed up the operation of this electronics distributor with 26 locations across the United States from January, 1976 to April, 1981.

Previously he had been with Arrow Electronics, Inc. in New York City, joining as Vice-President, Acquisitions and Mergers in 1969, and was named President of Arrow's Electronic Distribution Division in April, 1970, serving in that post until he joined Kierluff.

Mr. Darcy originally entered the electronics industry upon graduation from the University of Dayton (Ohio) in 1955 with the degree of bachelor of science in business administration. He held posts of increasing responsibility with Texas Instruments, Inc. in the sales area and was Eastern Regional Manager of its Semiconductor Division when he joined Arrow.

## HONEYWELL AWARDS CONCORD SEMIS

In a presentation held on August 15, 1984 for all employees of the Semiconductor Operation in Concord, New Hampshire, Honeywell, Inc., Defense Systems Division, honored the operation as their first ship-to-stock supplier. This award was significant not only because Sprague Electric was the first recipient, but because this is a Government program and the first ship-to-stock program approved by the Department of Defense.

The invitation to all employees read, "It Takes Teamwork," and that is what this award signifies. Without the dedication of each employee to excellence, it would not have been possible.

The Semiconductor Division ships TO-92 transistors to Honeywell — DSD. In the past three years, over 4,000,000 transistors have been shipped with 100% on-time delivery and 100% quality. In accepting the award, Hal Mahar, Vice-President, Special Components Group, said, "that one of the fundamental beliefs of our organization is that everyone wants to contribute and make a difference, personally and individually, and that our purpose is customer service — an experience a customer has."

Every employee should be proud of this achievement. It indicates that the Commitment to Excellence is not just words, but a way of life in the Semiconductor Operation.

## SPERRY APPROVES SANFORD

"The Point of No Returns." For Sanford Sprague Electric Company, this phrase symbolizes a goal. The goal is to be able to ship parts to our customers with a 100% acceptance level.

After two years of a concerted effort, the Sanford, Maine plant has been granted approval as a Certified Supplier of solid tantalum capacitors for the Hardware Products Manufacturing Division of Sperry Corporation. This is because for the past four years, Sperry has not rejected a single capacitor from Sanford.



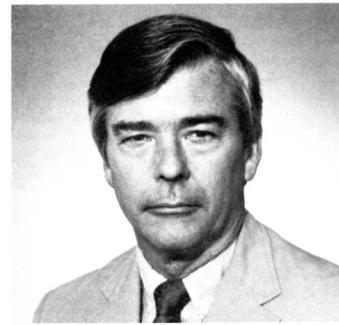
*I. to rt.: John Eckfeldt — Sanford QAR Mgr., Bob Poitras — Sanford Plant Mgr., Larry Valliere — Sanford Production Mgr.*

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A Certified Supplier's product is one that requires no incoming inspection and is shipped directly to Sperry's stock inventory. Sanford is the only Sprague Electric Company plant to receive this certification from Sperry. Sanford is also the only certified supplier of solid tantalum capacitors to Sperry.

Sperry uses Sanford's 150D and 196D capacitors in the assembly of their large commercial computer systems.

## WHITE ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT



It was announced on August 15, 1984 by John W. Murphy, Group Vice-President, Technology and Support that Harold F. White has been elected Vice-President, Human Resources of the Sprague Electric Company.

Mr. White first joined Sprague Electric in 1961 and has held a variety of manufacturing and supervisory positions at Sprague plants in North Adams and Worcester, Massachusetts and Concord, New Hampshire. Before being elected to his new post, he had been Assistant to the President since 1981.

Mr. White, a graduate of Williams College, has distinguished himself in a number of community-centered activities. Some of the positions which he has held include Director of the Williamstown Boys Club, Chairman of the United Fund, Director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and Treasurer and Director of the North Adams Regional Hospital.

## LEGAL DEPARTMENT HEADED BY WINDOVER



Fred A. Windover has been elected to the office of Vice-President — General Counsel of the Sprague Electric Company it was announced by Dr. John L. Sprague, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sprague. He will be located at the Company's new world headquarters in Lexington, Massachusetts. In his capacity as Vice-President — General Counsel, Mr. Windover will become the worldwide chief legal officer of the Company, a function formerly performed by Mr. Robert E. Kelley. Mr. Kelley will continue in the office of Secretary of the Company and, additionally, will work with Mr. Windover in his new position as General Counsel.

Mr. Windover joined Sprague Electric Company in 1967 as an attorney in the legal department and was subsequently promoted to Assistant General Counsel and Associate General Counsel. Prior to 1967, he was an attorney for Florida Capital Corporation, an American Stock Exchange listed, venture capital company located in Palm Beach, Florida. He graduated with Honors in Economics from Brown University and from Duke University Law School.

He is presently a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of each of the following organizations: North Adams State College, North Adams Regional Hospital and the Williamstown Theatre Foundation.

Recently, Mr. Windover was chosen to be Chairman of the Law Committee of the Electronic Industries Association, headquartered in Washington, DC, a position he will assume on January 1, 1985.

He is married to the former Joan McLellan and the couple have four children. They will reside in Concord, Massachusetts.

## CHRISTIANSEN NAMED VP AND CONTROLLER

Donald B. Christiansen has been elected Vice-President and Controller of the Sprague Electric Company, it was announced by Larry K. Switzer, Senior Vice-President, Finance and Administration. He will be located at the Company's new world headquarters in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Mr. Christiansen is a graduate of Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts, from which he received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. He later was awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

He first joined the Sprague Electric Company in 1959 as a Staff Accountant and was named Chief Accountant in 1965. He became Assistant Treasurer in 1968, the post he held before his new position.

Mr. Christiansen has been active in the civic affairs of Northern Berkshire County. He is a past President of the Northern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the United Way of Northern Berkshire, past Treasurer of the Northern Berkshire YMCA, and has been active in many civic and athletic organizations. He is also past Treasurer of the Northern Berkshire Mental Health Association.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Belouin and they have relocated to Sudbury, Massachusetts.

## SPRAGUE CHOSEN FOR CONFERENCE

Supplier involvement in reducing the cost of Hughes Aircraft Company systems, one of five Hughes Aircraft "Commitments for the '80s," was the theme at the Southeastern Procurement Conference in Atlanta, GA in which Orlando Sprague Electric was one of 104 suppliers invited to participate.

Representing Sprague Electric were Marty Daigneau, Plant Manager of our Orlando facility and Ernie Rondeau, Product Marketing Manager. Featured speakers were Congressman William L. Dickinson (R, Ala.), Ranking Minority Member of the House Armed Services Committee, and Richard D. DeLauer, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

## FILTERS' FACE-LIFT

People passing through the main Filter Division hallway are greeted by a beautiful wall-size mural of a fall scene. It was designed and executed by Suzanne Little-Stefanik, who works in the Graphic Arts section of Advertising. She spent approximately twenty hours of her own time on the project.

Suzanne has been involved in artistic endeavors for most of her life. She began art lessons at age thirteen, graduated from Berkshire Community College, in Pittsfield, MA, with an Associate Degree in Visual Arts, and has taken various art courses since that time. In addition to her full-time job here at Sprague Electric, Suzanne also does freelance work, ranging from layouts to oil paintings for both commercial concerns and individuals.



Pictured left to right: Suzanne Little-Stefanik, mural artist, and Mary Beth O'Neill, who created the Filter Division sign.

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## ORLANDO EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

The Orlando plant was honored recently by the Tampa, Florida Chamber of Commerce, "Committee of 100." Each year the Committee of 100 pays special tribute to an industry which is responsible for contributing to the economic growth of the Central-Florida area and the defense and aerospace industry received the salute this year. Fred Monroe, Orlando HR Manager, accepted an award on behalf of Sprague Electric Company from former astronaut Wally Schirra aboard a C-5A cargo plane that was decorated especially for the occasion at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. The program also included a "ride" aboard a Boeing 747 flight simulator and a tour of the Reflectone Company plant where the flight simulator was manufactured.

## WICHITA HOLDS TRAINING CLASSES

To help control its manufacturing process, Wichita Falls Sprague recently began training classes on Statistical Process Control methods. Using video tapes and workbooks, employees study, in detail, methods for plotting variable and attribute control charts and each participant is required to demonstrate a working knowledge of the material to complete the course. The final session consists of each graduate receiving a certificate and congratulations from Der Tackett, Plant Manager, and John Heron, QAR Manager Ceramics Division.



Employees in the first graduating class, pictured above are: First Row: (L to R) Terry Ofield, Pat Measley, Frieda White, Donna Strickland (Instructor), and Der Tackett. Second Row: (L to R) John Heron, Ed Robinson, Noreene Conatser, Shirley Portis, and Les Hungerford. Not Pictured: Kamye Craig, Mike Kajs, and Lura Peedy.

## SMITH APPOINTED

The appointment of Douglas P. Smith as Corporate Director of Strategic Planning and Development for the Sprague Electric Company was announced by Dr. John L. Sprague, President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Smith, who will report to Dr. Sprague, will work with the senior management team of this unit of The Penn Central Corporation to identify and evaluate strategic opportunities that will contribute to the growth of Sprague, but in its existing lines of electronic components and through acquisitions.

Previously, Mr. Smith was Director — Planning and Development and Group Controller of the Active Components Group, a position he held since August, 1983, when he joined Sprague from Penn Central.

In his professional association with Penn Central, Mr. Smith was Manager — Corporate Development from 1982 to 1983. He joined Penn Central in 1979 and was a Senior Analyst until 1982. Prior to that he held the position of Assistant Secretary of Chemical Bank from 1977 to 1979.

Mr. Smith graduated from Union College in 1973 with a B.A. Degree in economics and was awarded a M.A. Degree in international economics by Northeastern University in 1976. He is a member of the North American Society for Corporate Planning.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are residents of Sudbury, Massachusetts.

## PIRNIE NAMED DIRECTOR



Lyle E. Pirnie has been named Director, Distributor Division of the Sprague Electric Company, it was announced by Theodore W. Fischer, Vice President — Sales.

Mr. Pirnie comes to Sprague Electric from Corning Electronics, where he was Manager of Distributor Sales and Service for the past two years. Mr. Pirnie had been with Corning Electronics since June, 1973 in various sales and managerial posts.

Mr. Pirnie received a Bachelor of Science Degree in military engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY in 1968 and served in Vietnam as an Armored Cavalry Troop Commander. He was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star with 'V', and the Purple Heart Medal.

While at Corning Electronics, he took graduate work at Syracuse University and was awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration, majoring in marketing and finance.

## HENNANS HEADS MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

Herbert E. Hennans has been appointed Director of Marketing Communications of the Sprague Electric Company effective September 1, 1984. In his new capacity, he will replace Sidney Chertok who will retire at the turn of the year.

Herb joined Sprague Electric at the beginning of February as Assistant to the Senior Vice President, Marketing and Sales, and

has been acquainting himself with the operation of the Company, with particular attention to, among other things, advertising, sales promotion, press relations, technical literature.

Mr. Hennans came to Sprague from The Penn Central Corporation, where he was Director of Corporate Communications, the same post he had previously held with GK Technologies, Inc. from 1979 until its acquisition by PCC.

Herb is a 1953 graduate of the University of Syracuse, from which he received a bachelor of science degree, cum laude, in business administration, with a major in advertising and journalism. He then joined the Union Carbide Corporation and held various supervisory and management posts, particularly in corporate advertising, nuclear public relations and community relations. He was Assistant Director of Corporate Communications at Union Carbide before he joined GK Technologies.

## SUGGESTION SYSTEM PAYS OFF

Sprague Hillsville plant employees recently shared in Suggestion Awards in the amount of \$3,166.60. Among the recipients were:



Michael B. Guynn received an award of \$1,445.60 from Ms. Charlene M. Nelson, Department Foreperson.



W. C. Lyon, Jr., Department Foreperson, presents an award of \$787.58 to Delane Edwards.



Robert Perry received an award of \$309.02 from Roger Thibodeau, Manufacturing Engineering Manager.

Other awards went to Wendell Cockerham \$50.00, Bobby Willard \$50.00, Kennard Horton \$100.00, Bobby Shockley \$100.00, and Glenn Gravley \$75.00.

## THOMPSON RECEIVES APPOINTMENT



Fred T. Thompson has been appointed Operations Manager of the Sprague Electric Company's tantalum capacitor plant in San Antonio, Texas, it was announced by Peter W. Maden, Group Vice-President, Tantalum Capacitor Division.

In his new post, Mr. Thompson will be responsible for all San Antonio plant activities including manufacturing, engineering, industrial relations, and quality assurance and reliability.

Mr. Thompson joined Sprague Electric in 1967 as Industrial Relations Counsel and progressively advanced to Vice-President, Corporate Relations, the post he held previous to his new appointment.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, from which he received a bachelor of arts degree and was awarded a juris doctor degree from the Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kansas. He is a member of the bar associations of the States of Kansas and Massachusetts and a member of the American Bar Association. Mr. Thompson has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges. He is a former Vice-President and current corporator of the Williamstown, Massachusetts Youth Center and has been Section Chairman of the Williamstown Community Chest Fund Drive for the past four years.

Mr. Thompson is Vice-Chairman of the Human Resources Council of the Electronic Industries Association and is also active in the Industrial Relations Department of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

## CONCORD THANKS EMPLOYEES

Anyone driving past the Concord Sprague plant at lunchtime on July 19 and 20 might have noticed an unusual sight and smell: the employees were out on the lawn, and they were eating lobster and steak.

Concord Sprague recently announced the best production quarter in its history, and company executives repaid the workers with a little surf and turf.

This has been a banner year for the Concord manufacturing facility. In the past 12 months the company has added 450 people to its workforce, raising the total to 1,150, and a company spokesman said the growth is expected to continue. The Sprague plant in Concord produces semiconductors and other electrical products for a variety of customers including Ford, Honeywell, Motorola, Hewlett Packard and General Electric.

Although we cannot offer lobster and steak, the Log can extend a hearty congratulations to the Concord Sprague employees for a job well done.

## SANFORD HOLDS OUTING

Nearly 2500 Sanford employees and their guests attended the Plant's outing on June 9, 1984. Funtown, U.S.A., one of the most popular amusement parks in southern Maine was closed to the public that Saturday for exclusive use by the Sanford employees. The park contains dozens of rides and amusements, plus a waterslide park that was constantly full in the 95°+ weather. Employees had complete and free use of the entire park's facilities with an added bonus: Sanford's management served frankfurters, and cold drinks in an "all you can eat" barbecue.

This was the Plant's third Funtown outing and, as in the two previous outings there, the amusement park's management was impressed with the Sanford people.

## AJ EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Dawn King, a Process Technician in the Filter department, was named Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1984. Dawn, who has been with Sprague Annapolis Junction for three years, was presented a plaque and a \$50.00 Savings Bond by Plant Manager, Katie Snodgrass during the AJ Annual Picnic on June 29, 1984.

## BROWNE TO HEAD ALUMINUMS

On September 10, 1984, Thomas L. Browne, Vice-President and Worldwide Product Manager of the Networks business, assumed additional worldwide responsibil-

ity for the aluminum capacitor business, reporting to Donald F. McGuinness, Executive Vice-President. He will be based in our new corporate headquarters in Lexington.

Mr. Browne has concluded his assignment in Europe as Manufacturing Vice-President, and the reporting relationship for the EDP staff in Europe will now shift from Mr. Browne to John W. Murphy.

Tony joined Sprague Electric in 1974 as Manager of Long Range Planning for the Passive Electronic Components Operations and successively became Plant Manager of our Oil/Paper and Film Capacitor Operation at North Adams and our former Electrolytic Capacitor Operations at North Adams before he assumed his position as Vice President, Manufacturing of the European Operations.

He received his B.A. degree from Kent (Ohio) State University in 1956 and engaged in graduate studies at the University of South Carolina and Cleveland State University. Shortly thereafter, he joined Union Carbide Corp., where he became Plant Manager of various capacitor operations in Cleveland, Ohio; Greenville, South Carolina; and Darlington, England. He joined Nordson Corp. in Amherst, Ohio as Manager of Manufacturing in 1970, leaving to become Vice-President of Manufacturing at Northland Electric Motors Division of Scott-Fetzer Corp. at Watertown, New York in 1973.

## SAN ANTONIO CELEBRATION



On Saturday, July 28, 1984, approximately 400 Sprague employees and family members attended San Antonio's first Annual Company picnic.

Held at Stillman Park, the day's activities included a barbecue lunch cooked and served by employees, a baking contest, tug of war, volleyball and a number of games and contests for the children.

Everyone agrees that the picnic, which celebrated a year of production by the San Antonio facility, was a great success and all employees are looking forward to next year's event.

## OLYMPIC FLAME BEARER

Fred Thompson, of our San Antonio operation, was one of 19,000 USA citizens who participated in carrying the Olympic Flame across the United States to the Games of the Twenty-Third Olympiad in Los Angeles. The Sprague Electric Company supported the Olympic Torch Relay with a \$3,000 donation to youth athletics in the U.S., and Fred earned the privilege of car-

rying the flame by placing first among Sprague Electric employees in an annual road race jointly sponsored by North Adams State College and the Company. Fred's kilometer run with the Flame was at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where, he tells us, the ceremony was impressive and patriotic and an event he'll remember for many years to come!

## MORRISON PROMOTED

Effective June 7, 1984, Richard Morrison was promoted to the position of General Manager, Worcester Operations. In this capacity, Dick will be responsible for all aspects of the business, including Sprague Philippines and will report to Peter R. Locomto, Vice-President, Integrated Circuit Operations.

Mr. Morrison is a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University and M.I.T. and an 18 year employee of Sprague, holding numerous engineering, manufacturing and management positions.

## CLINTON SELECTS HR MANAGER

On August 6, 1984, Joseph M. Hamby was named Human Resources Manager for the Sprague Electric manufacturing facility in Clinton, Tennessee.

Joe, a native of Maryville, Tennessee, attended the University of Tennessee where he received a degree in psychology and a masters degree in business administration, with a major in industrial and personnel management.

Prior to joining Sprague, Joe worked as Personnel Manager for Oster, a division of Sunbeam and as Employee Relations Manager for the Copeland Corporation.

Joe is currently in the process of relocating to the Clinton area with his wife and two children.

## A TOUGH TEAM TO BEAT



For the third straight year, the Sanford Sprague Electric Women's softball team defeated a much-improved management team in a ball game that the women's team can call too close for comfort.

Although 1982's score of 21-11 and 1983's score of 15-5 were viewed as no contest by the women's team, this year's 9-8 game won management respect as a softball force to be reckoned with in the future.

The game's most exciting moment came near the end when Product-Process Engineer Rich King (who had two home runs earlier in the game) attempted to score from third base with the tying run. Rich, however,

missed home plate, and was called out ending management's last serious scoring attempt. The game was exciting and, as we are told, enjoyed by all.

Management team members are anxious for another shot at the women, who assure everyone that next year's game will, however, bring their record against management to 4-0. Against tougher competition, the Sprague Women's team tied for second place in the Sanford Women's Softball League this summer.

## WICHITA FALLS SUMMER PICNIC



On July 28, 1984, more than 1200 employees and family members from the A, B and Day shifts took part in the Wichita Falls Summer Picnic. Another picnic, for the 900 C and D shift employees and their families took place on July 31, 1984.

In addition to a delicious cookout, activities included amusement park rides for everyone, bingo, putt putt competition, volleyball and a homemade ice cream contest.

Winners of the ice cream competition were: First Place — Jean Green (A, B and Day shifts) and Debbie White (C and D shifts); Second Place — Janis Johnson (A, B and Day shifts) and Chris Strickland (C and D shifts); Third Place — Linda Ellett (A, B and Day shifts). Leading the way in the putt putt contest were: First Place — Tim Daigneault (A, B and Day shifts) and Joe Lay (C and D shifts); Second Place — Jack Eckalbar (A, B and Day shifts) and Cecil Hart (C and D shifts); and Third Place — Dale Merrill (A, B and Day shifts) and Tom Haines (C and D shifts).

## SENSING YOUR NEEDS



A \$75 gift certificate from Concord's Millstone Restaurant was awarded to Jan Horn on Friday, August 17, 1984, as winner of Concord's Hall Effect Group "We Need A Slogan" contest. Judges Ruth Cotton,

Trent Wood, and Jay Towne chose Jan's slogan, "Sensing Your Needs," from over 400 entries. A few of the runners-up were:

- "Take the Guesswork out of Gausswork"
  - "Best in the Field"
  - "ESP — Excellent Sensory Perception"
  - "Sprague Sensors, One Step Beyond"
  - "Making the Sensors of Tomorrow, Today"
- Concord's Hall Effect Group wishes to thank everyone who entered and helped make the contest a success!

## OLYMPICS HIGHLIGHT AJ PICNIC

Sprague Annapolis Junction held its Annual Picnic, at the plant, on June 29, 1984.

Approximately 90 to 95 employees turned out to enjoy the beautiful weather and delicious food, the latter of which was prepared by those renown chefs, Hal Mahar and Neil Denning.

The competition was fierce during the AJ Olympic Games which were held during the picnic. Winning the AJ Trophy of the Year in the Olympics, which consisted of baseball, relay races, volleyball, raw egg toss, balloon toss, three-legged race and sock race, was the team from the Coilwinding Department, pictured below.



Left to Right: Linda Ashworth, Mary Gay Anderson, Mary Edwards, David Mehall, Karen Harris and Jeff Barnosky.

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We All Have To  
Please Is The Customer.**

## NEW SALES TEAM ESTABLISHED



Dick Tai and Jim Murtagh of the Filter Division (pictured above), along with Gus Hsu, Sales Manager for Sprague Taiwan, will be comprising two-thirds of an innovative sales team based in our Sprague Taiwan plant. The team, along with other key Far East Sales people will be holding technical seminars, attending trade shows, and calling on customers in various locations including Malaysia, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong. They will be utilizing a mobile test and modification van enabling them to determine customer EMI control requirements for on-site compliance with VED and FCC regulations.

Dick spent this summer in North Adams learning the many facets of the filters business and concentrating on international test requirements and applications, as well as enhancing his knowledge of English. Prior to his employment with Sprague, he was in the power supply design group at Digital Equipment Corporation, Taiwan.

For the next two years Jim will be working directly in Taiwan. His fifteen-year tenure with Sprague Electric has included assignments in many areas of the filter business, most recently as a Product Specialist and prior to that in testing and applications engineering.

As we are told, Complete Customer Service is the motto of this new sales team!

## SAFETY RECORD RECOGNIZED

An awareness of safety hazards and an active safety program helps to reduce the risks of on-the-job accidents but each employee must have a desire to be a safe worker if a plant is to earn a good safety record. No where is this principle followed more closely than in Sprague Hillsboro where the plant and its employees recently received a safety award from the National Loss Control Service Corporation for having worked 1,090,456 hours (from June 10, 1983 to June 15, 1984) without a lost time on-the-job injury.

Much of the credit for making employees aware of potential safety hazards and acci-

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dent avoidance belongs to Hillsboro's Safety Committee, chaired by David Anderson, plant Q.A.R. Manager. Members of the committee are Clyde Edwards, Michael Guynn, McDaniel Harless, Phyllis Horton, plant nurse, Wanda Marshall, Charlene Nelson, Moir Nester, Eric Quesinberry, Lonnie Robinson, and Bobby Shockley.

The Safety Committee members and all employees are to be commended for this outstanding achievement.



## Stay Healthy!

## We Need You.

## SPRAGUE AUTHOR WINS AWARD

Few at North Adams Sprague Electric are aware that we have a renowned fiction writer in our midst in the guise of engineer Andrew (Andy) Dequasie of R & D. Writing is a hobby for him but his talent has been recognized by the Western Writers of America and they recently awarded him their "Medicine Pipe Bearer's Award" for the "best first Western novel in 1983." The trophy, a hand carved medicine pipe adorned with turquoise, feathers and horsehair, is said to bring good fortune to the bearer.

Andy's book entitled "Thirsty" is about an Idaho gold mining town. He adapted the book from people he had observed in his boyhood in West Virginia and transplanted them to the Western setting. The book includes typical Western characters such as "Doc" with a heart of gold, a gun slinging sheriff, a madam, a Bible pounding reverend, a dirt farmer, a philosophical bartender, a smart gambler, his dumb henchmen and an educated Indian.

The Walker Publishing Company is the publisher and, if interested, a bookstore will order it for you.



Andy Dequasie with "pipe" award.